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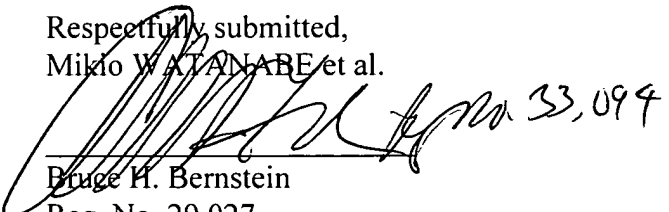
Japanese Patent Application Laying-Open (Kokai) No. 3-193731, which is cited and discussed in Applicants' specification beginning at page 1, first paragraph in the Background Art section, and its family member U.S. Patent No. 5,972,879.

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Should there be any questions regarding the above or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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